Professor of Mathematics in the Women's College.

116. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether an allowance in addition to his pay is granted to the Professor of Mathematics in the Women's College, Trivandrum ;

(*b*) if so, the amount of such allowance ;

(*c*) whether the same Professor gets any other allowance ;

(*d*) if so, the amount of such allowance, and for what special work ;

(*e*) whether the Professor of Mathematics in the Women's College is doing Honours work ; and

(*f*) whether he was doing such work when he was in the Science College ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Duty allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Local allowance of Rs. $41\frac{2}{3}$ per mensem as the Government Astronomer.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): With regard to part (*c*) of the question may I know whether allowance is generally granted to a Professor who is transferred from one College to another to do the same work ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If it is the same work allowance could not be given. If the work is more responsible allowance might probably be granted. It was done in another case also.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know from the member whether the work of the Mathematics Professor of the Women's College is more onerous than the work he was doing in the Science College ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He was only a junior Professor in the Science College. In the Women's College he is in sole charge of the Mathematics Department.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : In view of the fact that he had Honours work also in the Science College, do not the Government think that his work is lighter in the Women's College ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not a question of heavier or lighter work; it is a question of *more responsibility*. In the Science College he was only a Junior Professor. There was a Senior Professor there who was responsible for the work of the Mathematics Department. In the Women's College he is in sole charge of the department and so his responsibilities are greater.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I take it that duty allowance is generally granted to an officer when he is asked to do a more responsible work ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It depends upon the circumstances of each case.

Bridge across the Shertallai canal at Kommadi.

117. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of years that have elapsed since the Shertallai canal was opened to its present length;

(*b*) the number of years that have elapsed since the ferry service at Kommadi was sanctioned;

(*c*) whether the people have submitted several petitions and resolutions to the Government for constructing a bridge at Kommadi; and

(*d*) whether they have made any attempt to relieve the people of the suffering they are undergoing for want of a bridge at Kommadi?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Four years.

(*b*) A ferry service at Kommadi has not been sanctioned.

(*c*) A resolution was received by the Government and an interpellation in December 1930.

(*d*) An estimate has been prepared by the Executive Engineer, Kottayam, which is being examined by the Chief Engineer.

Roads in the Trivandrum town.

118. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the highly damaged condition of some of the roads of the Trivandrum town; and

(*b*) whether there is a list in the Executive Engineer's Office of roads in the town that require special attention in the rainy season?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Some of the gravelled roads in the town get damaged during rains.

(*b*) The Executive Engineer has prepared a list of roads which require metalling.

Purchase of an Air Compressor machine for the Water Works Division.

119. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a machine called "Air Compressor for grouting" has been purchased for the Water Works;

(*b*) whether it is used for grouting and excavating hard rock;

(*c*) the outturn of work done by it in one day;

(*d*) the cost of working the machine for one day including the pay of the staff connected with it;

(*e*) what would be the cost of an equal quantity of work if done by manual labour without machinery;

(*f*) when the machine was purchased;

(*g*) how long it was used;

(*h*) whether it is being used now (28-11-1106); and

(*i*) the members of the staff connected with it and the pay of each of them?

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